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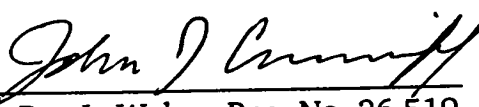
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Response to Written Opinion (5 pages)
Replacement Sheets for pages 3 and 16-20 (9 pages)
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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the PCT Written Opinion dated 27 July 2001, the Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows.

REMARKS

We note the non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability regarding claims 14 and 15 in Section III. We also note that the Written Opinion stated that an opinion could not be drawn with regard to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (Section III, item 2). The later statement was obviously made in error given the subject matter of the present invention. Correction in this regard is respectfully requested.

Regarding Section V, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 25 as lacking novelty over reference D1. Reference D1 discloses a polymer dispersion type liquid crystal element. In such a device, liquid crystal droplets are dispersed a polymer medium in 3 dimensions (reference D1, column 1, lines 16-20). In contradiction, the present